GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have claimed electrification of 5,08,515 villages by March 2002;

(b) if so, the remaining villages yet to be electrified;

(c) the time by which the remaining villages are likely to be electrified; and

(d) the steps being taken to see that actual figures are provided in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : According to Central Electricity Authority`s data, 5,09,053 villages have been declared electrified as on 31.3.2002 leaving a balance of 77,749 feasible villages for electrification.

(c) : The priorities for village electrification have been determined by the State Electricity Boards who own and operate the distribution system and also on the policy directions of the concerned State Governments. However, the Chief Ministers` Conference held on 3rd March, 2001 had resolved to complete village electrification by the end of 10th Plan i.e. by 2007. In order to attain this objective, rural electrification has been treated as a Basic Minimum Service and has been included under Pradhan MantriGramodaya Yojana (PMGY) from the year 2001-02.During 2001-02 the Government has released the following amounts to the State Governments for Rural Electrification Works :-

1. PMGY Rs.412.236 crores

2. Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) Rs.175.00 crores)
(To the eligible States)

During 2002-03, the Planning Commission have made the following allocation :

1. PMGY Rs.2747.00 crores+

2. MNP Rs.600.00 crores

+ As regards PMGY, the allocation is for all the six components including rural electrification. Under the revised guidelines formulated by the Planning Commission, the States have the flexibility to decide the interse allocation among the six PMGY sectors asper their own plan priority and discretion.

(d) : States have been requested to furnish the list of exact number of villages that are electrified along with the census code, besides preparing an Action Plan for electrification of villages for the 10th Plan.